**Power Project at Manar Chak in Tripura**

1658. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether necessary preparation and formalities have been completed for construction of power project at Manar Chak of Tripura;

(b) by when the construction is likely to be started; and

(c) whether the project will be commissioned during the Tenth Plan positively?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) and (b) Techno-Economic Clearance of Tripura Gas Based Power Project at Monarchak (280 MW) has been accorded by the Central Electricity Authority in April, 2003. The first unit of this project is scheduled to be commissioned within 33 months of investment approval and the project is scheduled to be fully commissioned within 10 months, thereafter.

(c) The project is scheduled to be commissioned within the Tenth Plan Period.

**IDBI Funds for Gas Based Power Plants in Andhra Pradesh**

1659. DR. AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh has sought Central Government intervention or guarantee for securing funds from IDBI or otherwise for the three gas based power plants at Kouaseema, Vemagiri and Gautami; and

(b) if so, the details of the power projects and Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) No guarantee from the Government of India (Ministry of Power) for securing funds for the three gas based power projects being implemented through the private sector, has been sought by the Government of Andhra Pradesh. However, Government of Andhra Pradesh have sought assistance of Ministry of Finance for